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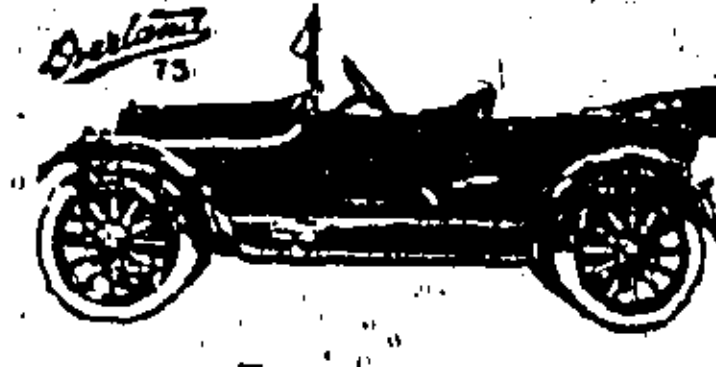
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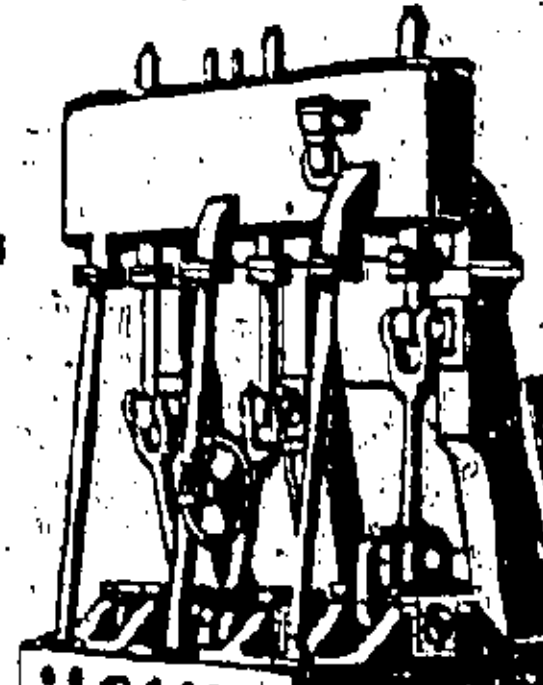
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**THE DEFEATED GERMAN
OFFENSIVE.**

THE ENEMY'S OBJECT "TO BLEED
THE FRENCH WHITE."

LONDON, July 27.
The French fear in beating off the
German attempts to recapture the
important positions between Rheims
and Soissons, is more highly appre-
ciated as it becomes clearer that the
German object is "to bleed the
French white." The German offen-
sive strength in the West has been
concentrated in this effort for the
past three months and the only
result has been a series of sanguinary
battles. There has been a slight
pushing back of French outposts here
and there, at an immense cost.

GERMANS "IN DEAD
EARNEST."

Reuter's Correspondent at French
Headquarters, telegraphing on the
27th inst., emphasises that the
Germans are in dead earnest. The
great attack at the Crouin plateau,
from the July 19 to July 24, was
carried out by two picked divisions
of the Guards and the Brandenburg-
ers, who stiffened the storming line
of the *Stosstrupen* and gained a
temporary success, purchased by
reckless sacrifices, which was wiped
out by a magnificent counter-attack
by the single Tonnain Division that
bore the brunt of the week's
fighting.

LATER.

A French communiqué reports:—
The Germans employed a full
Division, supported by a fresh Divi-
sion in the attack on July 25, from
the region to the east of Hurbise
to the south of La Bovelie. "The
smallness of the results emphasises
the severity of the defeat."

After an intense bombardment,
the Germans made five successive
attacks in the mountainous region
to the south-west of Moronville, all
of which failed under our fire.

LONDON, July 27.

A French communiqué reports:—
There was lively artillery activity
at Ailles, Hurbise, Champagne,
Mont Haut and on both banks of
the Meuse.

THE BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, July 27.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig
reports:—
During local fighting in the neigh-
bourhood of La Bassée, the south
west of Warneton, we drove out the
enemy from the village. The enemy
counter-attacked this morning and we
withdrew from the village.

We successfully carried out raids in
the night, in the neighbourhoods of
Monchy, to the south-west of La Bassée
and to the south-east of Ypres.

A German raid yesterday, to the
south-east of Gouvaucourt, led to aban-
doning fighting and considerable losses by the
enemy.

LATER.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig

reports:—

There was increased enemy artill-
ery activity in the neighbourhood
of Armentières.

We brought down one German
aeroplane and drove down one.

Two of ours are missing.

GERMAN SUBMARINE WRECKED
AND DESTROYED.

PAULS, July 27.

A German submarine grounded, west
of Calais.

The crew landed and have been taken
prisoners, after setting fire to the vessel.

The whole of the patrol tanks having
been previously opened.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, July 27.

A German official message, trans-
mitted by wireless, reports:—

The artillery duel in Flanders is
intense.

In the evening, renewed and
powerful English reconnaissance
everywhere failed.

Our successful raid at Homcourt,
resulted in many prisoners being
taken.

The French, counter-attacking to
the south of Ailles, near Hurbise
and at Hochberg, failed heavily.

Our prisoners and booty are in-
creasing, reaching the total of 1,450
prisoners.

At Ailles, our surprise attack, to
the eastward of Suippes, resulted in
many prisoners being taken.

**A JEWISH REGIMENT OF
INFANTRY.**

LONDON, July 27.

The War Office is completing
arrangements for the formation of a
Jewish regiment of infantry. Ex-
perienced British officers are filling
the higher appointments, and Jews
who are serving in British regiments
and who have a knowledge of Yid-
dish and the Russian language, are
being transferred to the new unit.
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representation of King David's
Shield.

THE ARMING OF MERCHANTMEN.

OVER 3,000 BRITISH SHIPS
ARMED.

LONDON, July 27.

In the House of Commons, Dr.
Macnamara, Financial Secretary to
the Admiralty, stated that over 3,000
British merchantmen were now armed
and many others were being
armed every week.

BALKAN CONFERENCE.

INFLEXIBLE DETERMINATION OF
THE ALLIES.

PARIS, July 27.

The Allied Conference, on the
Balkans has concluded.

A conference will be held in London
to arrange for the execution of the
decisions taken.

The following resolution was also
passed:—

"The Allied Powers are more closely
united than ever for the defence of the
rights of nations, especially those of the
Balkans, and are determined only to lay
down arms when they have reached the
goal which, in their eyes, is more im-
portant than all others, namely—to
render impossible in future any return
to acts of criminal aggression such as
those which the Imperialists of the
Central Empires have been responsible
for."

GERMAN ATTACK ON THE WOLFF
PRESS BUREAU.

GERMANY "MADE TO APPEAR
TREACHEROUS."

AMSTERDAM, July 27.

The *Vorwärts* violently attacks
the Wolff Bureau, on the ground
that it gives totally different versions
of the statements made in the
Reichstag for foreigners and Germans
respectively, and accuses it of
destroying the Reichstag peace
resolution and also Mr. Loh's
speech at Glasgow. The
paper says that in consequence of
this, Germany appears treacherous,
and urges Dr. Michaelis to act in
the matter.

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THE SCOTS STAGE.

The Scottish theatre has had a chequered career. And, strangely enough, it has lacked a competent historian of its romantic ups and downs. This omission, however, has now been corrected by a book just published, "The Story of the Scots Stage," by Mr. John Lawson. The development of the theatre among us suffered from a peculiarly ferocious kind of Philistinism which found its chief expression in ecclesiastical edicts. So much was this the case that Mr. Lawson might almost have chosen the title "The Kirk and the Drama." Of course the theatre had a religious origin; and may be traced to the Miracle and Morality Plays. Just before the Reformation the drama was occasionally used for propaganda purposes, and it is on record that a devout Protestant of Dundee, James Wedderburn, converted the histories of John the Baptist and Dionysius the Tyrant into plays in which he "carped rough the corruptions and abuses of the Papists, countering their lying impostures and miracles," for which enterprise the daring Dundonian had to flee to France. But while the Church was naturally intolerant of plays that held her up to ridicule, the drama certainly received greater encouragement in pre-Reformation times than it did under the omnipotent Presbyterian General Assembly. In the old Church, performances on Sunday were habitual, and comic pieces were performed even within the sacred precincts. After the Reformation public revels suffered a blight, and even the innocent Robin Hood plays were banned. The General Assembly was the dramatic censor of the country, and refusing an application by the Bailie of Dunfermline

in 1576 to perform a play on Sunday, the Fathers and Brethren issued an edict which bore that "universally throughout the realm there is neither religion nor discipline with the poor, the most part live in filth, adultery, incest, fornication, their children are unbaptized, and they themselves never resort to the church nor participate in the sacrament." This reply of the Assembly was not without a strain of eugenics. The people were miserably poor, and, as Mr. Lawson very properly emphasises, "their poverty coloured their morality."

It is only fair to add that clerical antipathy of the playhouse was not unanimous, and is found defenders even in the General Assembly. It is on record, too, that once at least John Knox witnessed a play, which is perhaps not surprising, for the great educationist would naturally see in the drama a valuable medium of propaganda. James Melville states in his diary that he saw "play in Mr. Knox's presence, a play wherein, according to Mr. Knox's doctrine, the castle of Edinburgh was besieged, and taken and the Captain with an or two with him hangt in effigy." Apparently the dramatic taste of Mr. Knox inclined to uncompromising melodrama.

The Puritan dislike of the theatre lingered long in Scotland, nor is it entirely dispelled. In the old days it found cruel expression, and during one dark period "vagabonds and beggars," the amiable description of the predecessors of the stylish knights of the contemporary stage, were burned through the grille of the right ear "with an hot iron of the compass of an inch about," which punishment was inflicted "to the great pleasure of Almighty God and the common weill of the realm."

In the later history of the Edinburgh stage, Allan Ramsay holds an honoured place. He was not covered by the thunderbolts of the General Assembly, and while he was still under ban, he re-opened the Canongate playhouse, and in a prologue addressed those who, from their gloomy thoughts and want of sense, think what divers the mind gives Heaven offence. He proved irresistible by the Assembly, even aided by magisterial authority, and produced plays with a sort of spasmodic regularity. It is difficult in the light of those times to understand the fury of the Kirk against the stage. The plays banned included "Tom's" "Douglas" and Ramsay's "Pastorals," the former surely solemn enough, and the latter, while frank, certainly not obscene. The "unco guid" did not confine themselves to the damnation of the drama, as at

characteristically they descended to abuse of the players, who were described as "the most prodigious wretches and vilest vermin that Hell ever vomited out." The vocabulary of the "unco guid" has modified, but their spirit survives.

Mr. Lawson related a delectable anecdote of the great Mrs. Siddons. She exerted all her powers to electrify an Edinburgh audience, and then gazed on a stony and silent home. Presently the stillness was broken by a drawing voice. "That's no' sad ha!"

A RUSSIAN ON ENGLISH CHARACTER.

IMPRESSIONS IN 1700.

Mr. C. E. Bechhofer in his recently published "Russian anthology in English," gives specimens (long specimens, not mere puzzling quotations) from every dead Russian writer of the first importance. Twenty-five of them are represented, and there is an appendix consisting of ballads and folk songs. One of the most striking quotations he has selected is from the letters of Karamzine (1783-1826), who is here represented by a description of a visit to Wieland at Weimar, and by analyses of the French and English character. He was in London in 1790 and found the climate "damp, gloomy and sad." Englishmen from a distance he had viewed with rapture; but closer, he found that he did not "like their cold character."

It is a volcano covered with ice, said a French enigma to me with a smile. But I stand and look; I do not see the flames, but meanwhile I freeze. My Russian heart loves to pour out in frank, lively conversation, loves the play of the eyes, the quick change of the face, the expressive movements of the hand. The Englishman is silent, even-tempered, talks like a book, never disclosing our swift currents of soul which shake magnetically our whole physical system. It is said that he is profounder than other men; as not this because he seems profound, because the trick blood moves in him more slowly and gives him the appearance of meditation, often without any ideas! But that the English are unlighted and judicious, I agree. The English love to be charitable, love to surprise with their generosity, and always assist one in need, as soon as they are convinced that he is not shamming misfortune. In the opposite case they would sooner let him die of hunger than help him, fearing a deception offensive to their self-esteem. The lot of the poor in England was horrible, as poverty was always assumed to be deserved. The English were honest, proud (especially of their Constitution), loyal, frank (though at the same time, subtle egotists), but not like Russians. "To do good, not knowing why," is the way of our poor unreasoning heart."

THE INDIAN WAR LOAN.

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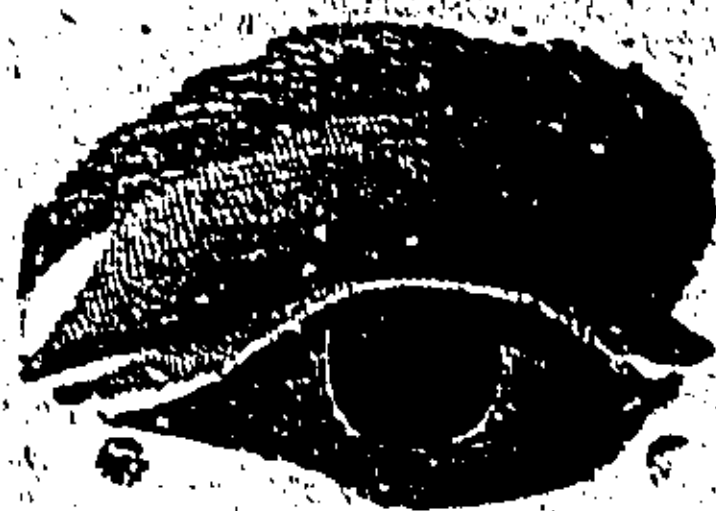
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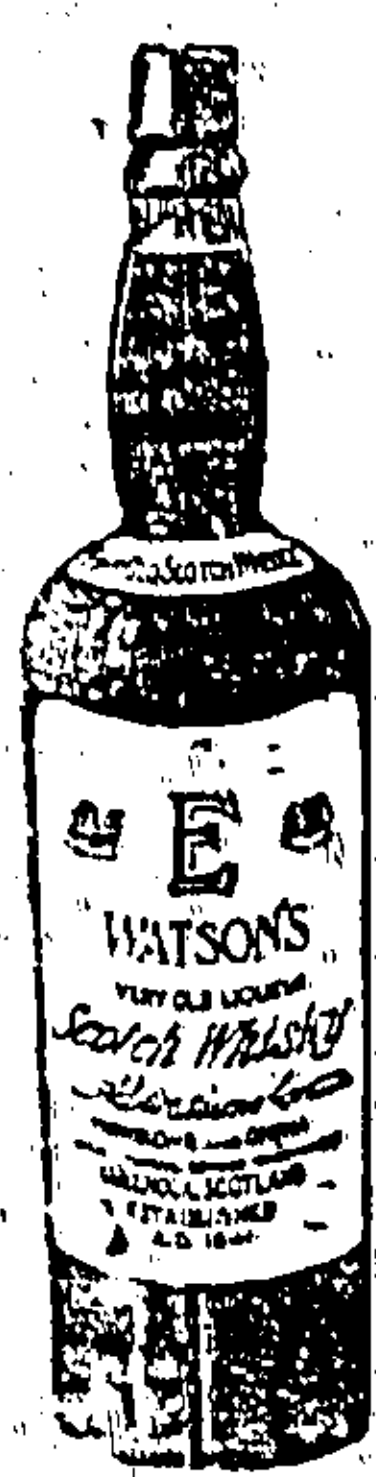
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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WEDNESDAY,
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Hongkong, July 28, 1917.

THE CALENDAR.

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

Anniversary of the Accession of King
Victor Emmanuel III of Italy (1900).
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Dress Materials,
Hats, Costumes, etc. etc. at Madame
Gains' Alexandra Buildings.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household
Furniture, Electric Fittings, etc. at
50B, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

General Memoranda.

Tuesday, July 31—
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Showcases,
Office Fittings, etc. at Madame
Gains' Alexandra Buildings.
Noon.—Auction of "Lybott," 154
The Peak, at Mr. Geo. P. Lammett's
Sale Rooms.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture,
Pictures, Pianos, etc. etc. at Messrs.
Hughes and Hough's.

Friday, August 3—
1.11 p.m.—Full Moon.

Saturday, August 4—
Anniversary of Declaration of War
between Great Britain and Germany
(1914).

Monday, August 6—
General Holiday.

Monday, August 13—
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank
Dividend due.

3 p.m.—Auction of No. 7 Queen's Road
Central at Messrs. Hughes and
Hough's.

Wednesday, August 15—
H.K. Tramway Co. Dividend due.

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before the Council of National Defence recently, expressed the opinion that the aeroplane will prove the deciding factor in the war, and the quickest and cheapest antidote for the submarine menace. "In the comparatively near future," he predicted, "the air-service will be more important than the Army and Navy combined." In this connection we notice that much prominence has been given in the American Press to a letter written by Rear-Admiral B. A. Fiske, in which he outlined a method by which the German fleet could be successfully attacked by an overwhelming force of torpedoes, and, for reasons which he sets forth, he declares that this matter demands serious and prompt consideration. The United States is perhaps the only country left with the spare resources of engineering plant, labour and material which could be applied to building extra aeroplanes of the great scale outlined in the foregoing comments. So far as machines for land warfare are concerned the Chairman of the Aircraft Production Board of the Council of National Defence has made it known that an "Air Navy" which will dominate every square mile of the Western battle-front from the North Sea to the Alps, from the trench lines back for sixty miles of terrain, is part of his vision. Whether this vision will be completely realised remains to be seen, but it is evident that the world can expect some surprising developments in warfare before this great drama reaches its close. The resolutions passed by the conference of the Allies regarding the Balkans clearly emphasise that the formidable situation on the Western front has done nothing to modify their aims or to weaken confidence in their ultimate achievement.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Two ships are to be launched next Saturday at the Hongkong and Whampoa docks.

Dr. Ariga, Legal Adviser to the President's Office, was to leave Peking on July 20 for Japan, on the expiration of the term of his agreement.

Mr. A. H. Lay, C.M.G., the British Consul-General at Seoul, and Mrs. Lay are on a visit to Hongkong and are staying at the Peak Hotel.

It is notified in the *Government Gazette* that the care of Turkish interests in the British Empire has been undertaken by the Government of Sweden.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks a donation of \$100 from Mr. J. M. Wong to the Funds of the Hospitals.

The rainfall for the 24 hours ended at 10 o'clock this morning was 3.28 inches. Since Saturday last we have had close upon 14 inches of rain. The total for the year is now 7.50 inches over the average.

Mrs. van der Linden, of No. 1 Jordan Road, has reported to the Police that whilst she was absent from her residence, between 2 and 5 p.m. on the 27th instant, some person broke into her house by forcing a door and stole nine pieces of jewellery to the total value of \$231.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Dr. Harold Macfarlane to act as Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, in addition to his other duties during the absence on leave of Mr. Adam Gibson or until further notice. Mr. Gibson, who has just recovered from typhoid, has gone home on eight months' leave.

NEW MOTOR BOAT.

Messrs. W. B. Bailey & Co., Ltd., have built for the "Annie" Petroleum Co. a motor boat 36 feet in length, driven by a Scripps motor of 25 horse power. This vessel draws 10 inches of water only and on trial with 11 men on board, and running at 670 revolutions per minute, attained a speed of 8 knots, being 1/2 knot over the contract speed.

THE LATE MR. W. G. HUMPHREYS.
FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY.

The remains of the late Mr. W. G. Humphreys, who died unexpectedly, at sea, two days out from Yokohama, on June 19, while on a voyage to Canada, were interred last evening at Happy Valley, with every token of respect and esteem due from the community to one who ranked as one of the Colony's oldest residents. The late Mr. Humphreys, who passed away at the ripe age of 72, had spent nearly half a century in the Colony, and built up the successful merchant business here which bears his name and is now carried on by his sons. He had always enjoyed the best of health and showed a strength of constitution and a vitality at three score years and ten which was remarkable. When he broke out, he joined the Volunteer Reserve Corps, and set a fine example to younger men by the high sense of patriotic duty he displayed in participating in the duties which devolved upon the Corps, taking his part in the night guards at the prisoners-of-war camp and elsewhere.

In recognition of this service, military honours were accorded at the funeral yesterday. The members of "D" Company took charge of the coffin as it was brought ashore, and the cortege was led by a firing party, consisting of the following members of "A" Company: Sergeant J. M. McHutcheon, Corporal J. Walker, Privates G. T. Eddins, H. H. J. Compertz, H. A. Nisbet, C. J. Higginbotham, Duncan Clark, A. Jenkins, W. L. Leask, D. McLumphy, E. Davidson, H. Palmer and W. E. Roberts. The Band of the 18th Infantry, playing Chopin's Marche Funebre, came next and after them the coffin on its gun carriage, drawn by members of "D" Company. Immediately behind followed the principal mourners and many friends. The members of the family present were Mr. and Mrs. W. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Humphreys, Mr. Cecil Humphreys, Captain W. and Mrs. Armstrong, and Mr. Henry Humphreys (son-in-law), and among others present at the funeral were the Hon. Mr. W. C. G. C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, the Bishop of Victoria, Major D. Macdonald, V.D., Major G. H. Wakeman, H.K.V.R., Captains G. E. Stewart, G. P. Lammert, and C. Champlin, Lieutenants A. E. Wright, Owen Hughes, R. Hancock, R. Sutherland, and C. W. McKenny, Messrs. T. F. Hough, A. S. P. (R.), A. Findlay Smith, N. J. Stabb, A. O. Lang, R. Ralphs, A. S. D. Cousland, M. S. Sassoon, E. A. M. Williams, H. A. Lammert, T. A. Loughlin, G. C. Moxon, Evan Jones, A. Mackenzie, J. E. Wood, W. J. Titcher, J. de B. Lancaster, S. David, Ray, W. T. Featherstone, and many others. Large as the attendance was, the rain, which broke only just before the time of the funeral, doubtless prevented many others from being present. A large number of floral tributes bore further testimony to the respect in which the deceased was held.

The Rev. J. Kirk Macnab, pastor of Union Church, with which the late Mr. Humphreys had been prominently identified, conducted the burial service, and delivered at the graveside a short and fitting eulogium of the life of the deceased.

Three volleys were fired at the conclusion of the service and the bugles sounded "The Last Post."

A FISHING JUNK PIRATED.

Whilst a large fishing junk, with a crew of fifteen seamen, was fishing at Kowchow, in Chinese waters, a small boat containing four armed men came alongside. The four men boarded the junk and asked to see the master. When the master of the junk was summoned on deck the pirates informed him that they would not leave the junk until he paid them ten dollars. As the junk master was unable to pay the money demanded by the pirates they ordered him to set sail for Macao. The junk master was forced to obey the orders given by the pirates and after the junk had been on route for about two hours they came to Kow-Chow-Wan. Here the pirates left the junk, taking with them eighty crates of fish and two of the junk's crew. The pirates stated that their two captives would each be held for \$200 ransom.

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PRIZE GIVING.

At the annual prize-giving of this school, which is a branch of the Italian Convent, Sister Teresa Ford, the Sisterin charge in charge, presented the following Report:—

My Lord Bishop, Reverend Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen. "The work submitted was found to be satisfactory in every respect. I recommend that the highest Grant be awarded." Thus concluded the official report of the Inspector of English Schools, on St. Mary's School. Again the school has been found to be thoroughly efficient.

During the school year, under review, the Staff of St. Mary's School suffered a great loss by the death, on 8th August, of Sr. Emilia, than whom no more zealous or efficient teacher can be found; her place was temporarily taken by Miss Braga who helped with the teaching of Classes 3 and 6. The Headmistress and Sister Candida were responsible for the conduct of Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6. The record enrolment in 1916 has again been exceeded; there were on the roll during 1916-17, 181; there were present at inspection 164; the comparative figures for the previous year were 163 and 140, respectively, thus showing an increase of 9.94 per cent in enrolment and 17.4 per cent at inspection.

Situated as the school-house is, in one of the healthiest sites on the Peninsula, with its spacious grounds, the school has maintained its condition of perfect healthiness throughout the year. In the words of the Inspector, whose report is dated as late as the 19th instant: "All the class-rooms are cool and airy and the building throughout scrupulously clean."

Not too propitious weather attended the Annual Athletic Sports at the Happy Valley last spring. In spite, however, of the inclemency of the weather, quite a large number of children entered for the event for St. Mary's School, kindly provided by the Rev. Bro. Director and Committee of the St. Joseph's College Sports. The winners of the handsome prizes were Carlos Figueiredo and Lina Rocha. If I had the honour of presenting my report last year, the results of the Annual Examination, conducted under the auspices of the University of Hongkong, were not then announced. St. Mary's presented 4 girls for examination of whom 3 passed. Annie Silva obtained distinction in Religious Knowledge and Sewing; Maggie Neves in Religious Knowledge, and Sewing, and Carmen Garcia was the third pass with distinction in Religious Knowledge. As only two girls continued their studies in Class 1, it was thought best that they should sit for the Senior Examination this year with the girls of the Italian Convent. The examination was held only a few days ago and it is hoped that they have acquitted themselves creditably and so upheld the reputation of St. Mary's School.

At the re-opening of the School after the mid-summer holidays last year, there were inaugurated evening classes in Pitman's shorthand. These classes have proved singularly popular. In addition to shorthand, typing is also taught, and for those who wish to learn, lessons are also given in practical cooking. The special classes which now embrace shorthand and typing, music and painting, will be enlarged after the summer recess so as to include Book-keeping. To those girls who seek occupations in mercantile and shipping firms at the end of their school career a theoretical knowledge of the elements of book-keeping will be specially useful.

The Inspector of Schools remarked in his report that "in the Upper Class work is done daily for War Charities." I may add that the elder girls have been quite delighted that they could help with the sewing of frocks and garments for the children of British and French Soldiers at the Front and also for the little Belgian orphans who have sought shelter in the hospitable shores of the British Isles. A certain number of Queen Mary's Badges and Certificates have been promised to our little war workers.

The Headmistress charges me with the agreeable duty of intimating that the special prize of \$25 so kindly presented by Madam de Souza, wife of the gentleman who does the school the honour of presiding at this function, has been awarded to Miss Winifred Robinson. Sister Dr. Gomes special prizes of \$15 and \$10 for each class for the highest attendances, have served their very desirable object in stimulating regular attendance; his prize of \$20 was awarded to Paula Lopes and Ebbins Souza. His Lordship, Bishop Pozzoni, has presented a gold medal for the highest attendance in the school.

religious knowledge. Aurea Carvalho is the winner of this coveted prize. Teresa Gomes carries off the Lugard Scholarship for 1917-18.

Following the usual custom, I wish to acknowledge the schools indebtedness to Patrons and Friends for numerous kindnesses throughout the year. In particular would I thank the following for their gifts and donations to the Prize Fund and in various other ways assisting the school with their benefactions:—His Lordship, Bishop Pozzoni, Chevalier Dr. A. S. Gomes, Consul and Madam de Souza, Mr. A. S. Gomes, Mrs. Leo d'Almada, Castro, Mr. J. M. Castro, Basto, Captain Halliday, Mr. J. M. Noronha, Mr. E. J. Noronha, Mr. J. P. Robinson, Mr. E. J. Jorge, Master D. Braga.

The School reopens for the new term on the 10th September next.

PRIZE LIST.

CLASS 3.
Aurea Carvalho, 1st (out of 8); His Lordship's prize for religious instruction. Winifred Robinson, 2nd, Madam de Souza's prize for conduct. Teresa Gomes, 3rd, Lugard Scholarship for 1917-1918; Chev. A. S. Gomes, prizet for highest attendance 1916/1917. Eleanor Gomes, for sewing. Anna Lopes, for drawing and cooking. Francis Gomes, for cooking.

CLASS 4.
Idalina Carvalho, 1st (out of 8). Paula Lopes, 2nd, Chev. A. S. Gomes for conduct. Mary Castro, 3rd. Stella Neves, Chev. A. S. Gomes prize for highest attendance 1916 out of 196. Theresa Brown, for drawing. Nora Leonard, for drill.

CLASS 5.
Laura Carvalho, 1st (out of 11). Elsa Alves, 2nd. Annie Nunes, 3rd. Sabina Souza, Chev. A. S. Gomes, for conduct.

Agnes Vicky, for application and neatness. Julia Silva, Chev. A. S. Gomes, for attendance. Lina Rocha, for religious instruction and recitation. Hortencia Forge for handwriting.

CLASS 6.
Maria Emilia Alves, 1st (out of 11). Gertrude Julian, 2nd. Beatrice Gill, 3rd, Chev. A. S. Gomes for attendance. Ada Wright, for general improvement. Herland Anderson, for geography. Violet cutcliffe, for reading and recitation. Marjorie Stuart, for composition.

CLASS 7.
Helena Noronha, 1st (out of 40). Cecilia Noronha, 2nd. Irene Fothergill, 3rd. Maria Lourdes d'Almada, 4th. Maria Soares, for religious instruction and application. Lyle Oliveira, for arithmetic. Carlos Figueiredo, for composition. Wilfred Anderson, for conduct and recitation.

Charles Smith, for geography. Consuelo Garcia, for sewing. Mariana de Jesus, general improvement. Marjorie White, for writing. Emily Lopes, for diction. Olga Bash, for drawing and politeness. Philis Rocha, for politeness. Angela Silva, for drawing and handwriting. Sarah Blyth, for sewing. Lancelot Fothergill, for reading. Luiz Soares, Chev. A. S. Gomes, for attendance, 1916 out of 196. Alina Forge, for sewing.

CLASS 8.
Frederico Pinna, 1st (out of 29). Luiz Guterres, 2nd. Frederico Berth, 3rd. Lindamaria Guterres, for conduct, neatness and sewing. Luiz Ribeiro, for religious instruction and application. Phyllis Capell, for conduct and politeness.

Clotilde Flynnmar, for reading. Stella Silva, for handwriting. Laura Gomes, for application and sewing. Henry Noronha, for politeness. Charlie Noronha, for arithmetic. George Fiedley, for geography. Daniel Lin, Chev. A. S. Gomes, for attendance, 1916 out of 196.

CLASS 9.
Carolina Maher, 1st (out of 24). Albertina Garcia, 2nd. Maria Basto, 3rd. Kliss Feronio, 4th. Alberto Alves, for conduct and application. Peter Xavier, for religious instruction. Sidney Anderson, for reading and recitation. Marciano Silva, for general improvement. Maria Gomes, for dictation. Joaquim Guterres, for arithmetic. Arthur Basto, for handwriting. Leonard Silva, for drawing. Christovan d'Almada, for politeness. Alda Alves, for needlework. Theima d'Assumpcao, for kindergarten occupation. Maria Aterges, for neatness. Marilia Forge, for handwriting. Domitila Souza, for regular attendance.

CLASS 10.
Freddy Wolf, 1st (out of 43). Antonio Noronha, 2nd. Henrique Noronha, 3rd. Eduardo Alves, 4th. Antonio Guterres, for conduct and politeness. Beatrice Pinnelther, for reading and recitation. Winifred Milne, for reading and sewing. Jane Anderson, for politeness. Hermosa Oliveira, for drawing. Eva Lang, for writing. Eileen Donald, for recitation. Dorothy Avelar, for application. Bertha Xavier, for neatness. Ralph Capell, for kindergarten occupation. Jose Figueiredo, for general improvement.

PRIZES FOR MUSIC.
Molly Gomes, Eva Forsyth, Milly Kinross, Winifred Robinson, Maria Emilia Alves, Olga Basto, Maria Eca da Silva, Nettie Thorburn, Lina Noronha, Cecilia Noronha, Avelina Souza, Ida Eca da Silva and Beatrice Pinnelther.

PRIZES FOR DRAWING.
Molly Gomes, Edna Knight, Reggie Kynock and David Harvey.

PRIZES FOR ARTS AND CRAFTS.
Miss E. Ellis, for elementary. Miss G. Ribeiro, for theory. Miss G. Garcia, for speed. 17 words a minute. Mrs. M. E. O'Sullivan, 30 words.

COMMERCIAL.

HONGKONG SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor, in their Report for the week ending, Friday July 27th state:—

There has been slightly more activity in our market during the week under review, but high Exchange and other factors still militate against anything like free business. A small monthly settlement has been easily negotiated to-day.

In Shanghai there has been "quite a little boom in Cotton Mill shares, a smart rise in most stocks having occurred."

RUBBER is quoted as 7 1/2d. buyers (Plantation). BANKS.—Hongkong Banks have changed hands at \$88.50. MARINE INSURANCES remain unchanged. FIRE INSURANCES are quiet at quotations.

SHIPPING remains unchanged. RETAILERS.—China Sugars improved somewhat during the week, and could be placed at about \$93. Malabars are firm at \$92.

ORIS AND MINORS.—Langkats remain unchanged at 15. 15. Rauba have been done in fair number at \$2.45. Trobaks at \$2.45. 61 and 62 are nominal. Shells are still wanted locally at 1200. 600 all. Kailans at 34s. 6d. are in request.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Kowloon Wharves have changed hands at \$67 but at the close are slightly firmer with sales at \$68. Hongkong Docks at \$112 are quiet, but steady. Shanghai Docks have weakened to 15. 50 cum all. LANA, HORNS AND BUTTER.—West Points at \$63 ex dividend are without business. Hongkong Lands have been done at \$91 ex dividend, and are wanted. Centrals are on offer at \$85. Hongkong Hotels are in request at \$88. Kowloon Lands at \$83 are nominal. The quotation of \$85 in our last issue was a printer's error. Humphreys are wanted at \$6.

COTTON MILLS.—In the North Cotton Mill shares have risen slightly. The following are to-day's quotations:—Fawcett 15. 100 buyers. Shanghai Cottons 15. 125 buyers. Kung Yik 15. 16 buyers. Yangtzeopoo 15. 8 buyers.

ELECTRIC COMPANIES.—Hongkong Electric have again been done at \$18, and at this price are still wanted. China Light at \$44 are nominal. Hongkong Tram might be obtained at \$40. MISCELLANEOUS.—Wicksons at \$8 are firm. Cements are in request at \$4.90 and China Portland at \$7.75. China Portland at \$7 and Dairy Farms at \$23 are nominal. Hongkong Teas at \$151 are without change. Bays are wanted at \$27 and Wm. Powell have sellers at \$6.

EXCHANGE.—The demand rate on London is 7/7-16 and the T.T. selling rate on Shanghai is 87.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received at the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 1 p.m. to-day:—

Warning. Low-pressure area, extending from the China Sea to the Pacific across northern Luzon and the Balintang Channel. A real typhoon may develop later.

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HONGKONG AND CHINA DISTRICT.

T.M.C.A. DIVISION.

Tuesday, July 31st—
8 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.
Thursday, August 2nd—
8 p.m. Inspection by the Divisional Surgeon, Dr. S. F. Lee.
Uniform—Helmets, shorts, puttees, water-bottles (filled), haversack (filled), overcoat.

SAINTJOHN DIVISION.
The following Members of this Division have passed First Aid Examinations as below, and are accordingly exempted from passing a further First Aid Efficiency Test until October 1st, 1917:—
2nd Annual Examination: Sergt. A. Morris, Lt.-Colonel Leung Si-tang.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE DIVISION.
Monday, July 30th—
4 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.
Thursday, August 2nd—
3 p.m. Banding Practice.
4 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.
(Sd.) E. BLAIRS,
Officer in Charge of District.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

PARADES.

Uniform—White with Helmets.
Monday, July 30th—No. 2 Company.
Central, 5.45 p.m.
Tuesday, July 31st—No. 1 Company.
Central, 5.45 p.m.
Thursday, August 2nd—No. 3 Company.
Central, 5.45 p.m.
Friday, August 3rd—Route March.
Statue Square at 6 p.m. All ranks will attend.

POLICE RESERVE GAZETTE.
The Committee will meet at Headquarters' Club on Monday, July 30th, at 5.30 p.m.

POLICE RESERVE BAND.
The Band will play at North Point on Wednesday next, 1st August, at 4 p.m.

Band Practice on Monday, July 30th. No Exemption will be granted except by the undersigned.

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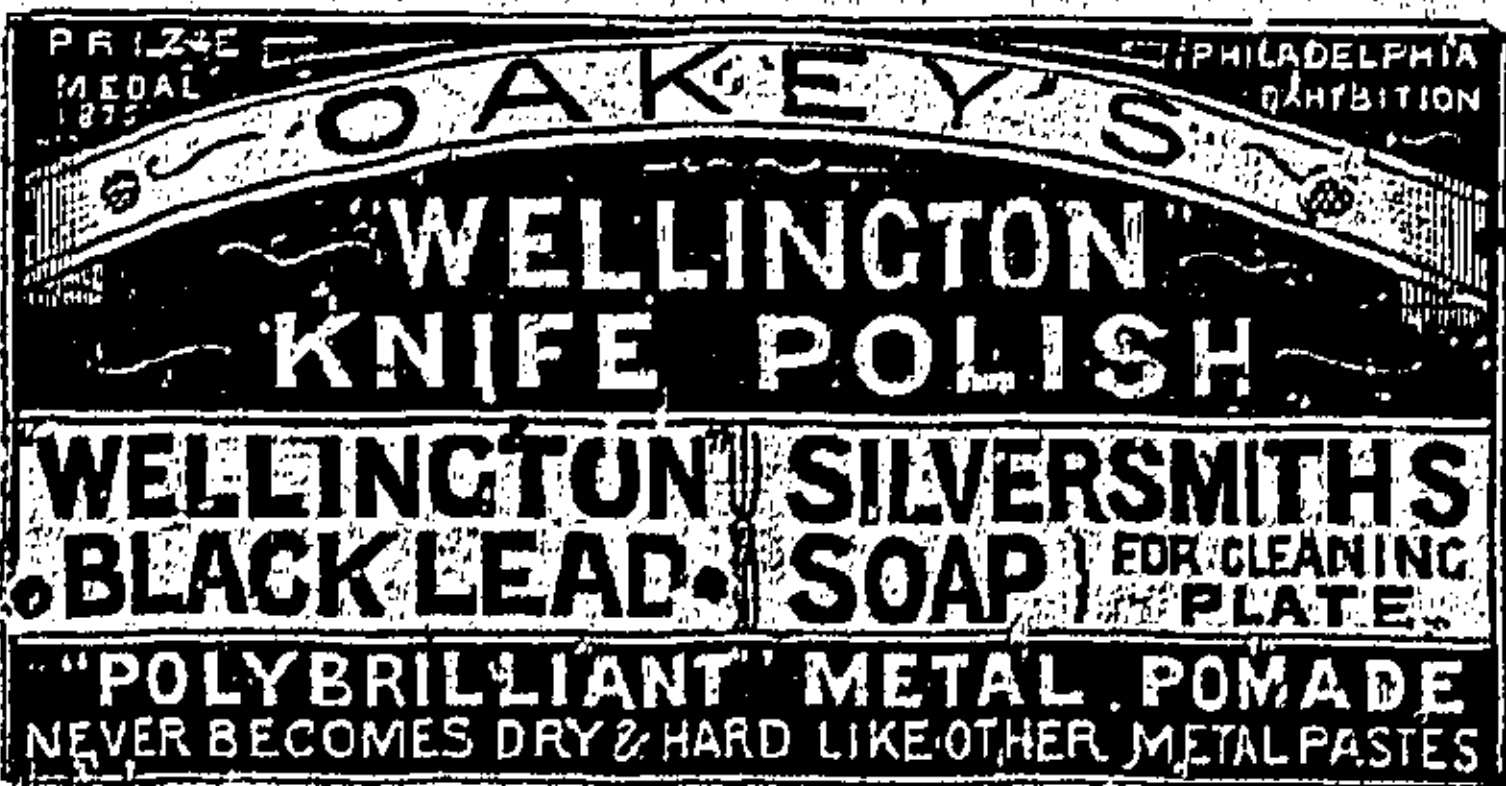
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